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SUBJ: RHODESIA: AFRICANS TO CABINET

REF: CAPE TOWN 451

1. IN RADIO AND TELEVISION ADDRESS EVENING APRIL 27 IAN SMITH ANNOUNCED INTENTION TO APPOINT FOUR TRIBAL CHIEFS AS CABINET MINISTERS AND THREE OTHER BLACKS AS DEPUTY MINISTERS. HE ALSO SAID THAT THREE MORE AFRICANS WILL BE GIVEN DEPUTY MINISTERIAL JOBS AT SOME POINT IN THE FUTURE. SMITH DID NOT ANNOUNCE THE NAMES OF THOSE CHIEFS TO BE SELECTED; HOWEVER, PRESS SPECULATED THAT HE WILL DO SO SHORTLY-- PERHAPS  
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WITHIN THE NEXT FEW DAYS.

2. SMITH'S ANNOUNCEMENT HAD BEEN EXPECTED FOR SEVERAL WEEKS (REFTEL), BUT NEW PLAN HAD APPARENTLY MET STIFF OPPOSITION FROM SOME SENIOR CABINET MEMBERS THUS CAUSING THE DELAY.

3. SMITH JUSTIFIED CABINET APPOINTMENT OF CHIEFS ON GROUNDS THAT THEY ARE TRUE LEADERS OF AFRICAN PEOPLE. ARGUMENTS THAT THEY SHOULD STAY OUT OF POLITICS ARE "FALLACIOUS". HE NOTED THAT WITH INCREASED INDUSTRIALIZATION AND URBANIZATION MORE AFRICANS WERE BECOMING REMOVED FROM TRIBAL STRUCTURE AND INDICATED THAT, THEREFORE, AT LEAST SOME OF THE AFRICAN DEPUTY MINISTERS WILL NOT BE TRADITIONAL LEADERS.

4. IN SAME SPEECH SMITH REAFFIRMED LONG-HELD POSITIONS ON MAJORITY RULE, STATED THAT NEITHER HE NOR HIS COLLEAGUES ARE IN ANY MOOD FOR APPEASEMENT AND PLEDGED THAT WAR ON TERRORISTS WOULD BE STEPPED UP. BOWDLER

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